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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the International Search Report drawn up for International Application No. PCT/JP00/04003 of which the present application is a U.S. National Stage:

(1) EP 0690063 A1 (DAIHACHI CHEMICAL IND. CO., LTD.), 3 January 1996.

(2) JP 08-067685 A (DAIHACHI CHEMICAL IND. CO., LTD.), 12 March 1996.

Applicants note that this document is a family member of the above document (1) and is discussed at page 4, first full paragraph, of the present application.

(3) U.S. Patent No. 5,616,768 (Kawata et al.), 1 April 1997. Applicants note that this document is a family member of the above documents (1) and (2).

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Applicants also direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

(4) JP 05-001079 A (DAIHACHI CHEMICAL IND. CO., LTD.), 8 January 1993.

Applicants note that this document is discussed at page 10, last paragraph, of the present application.

(5) U.S. Patent No. 5,401,788 (Tokuyasu et al.), 28 March 1995. Applicants note that this document is a family member of the above document (4).

(6) JP 63-227632 A (DAIHACHI KAGAKU KOGYOSHO:KK.), 21 September 1988. Applicants note that this document is discussed at page 11, first paragraph, of the present application.

(7) U.S. Patent No. 4,049,617 (Albright), 20 September 1977.

Copies of the above-listed documents and English abstracts of documents (2), (4) and (6) as well as an English translation of the above-mentioned International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/JP00/04003 are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents (a copy of the International Search Report in English was also submitted when entering the National Stage on January 24, 2002). Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

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If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned can be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

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